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**REQUEST  
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Application Number	09/879,438
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Art Unit	2173
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on September 14, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) 12/23/2004 AWONDAF1 00000095 09879438

- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP

- iii. ☐ Other 02 FC:1252 450.00 OP

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